

Charter Statement for the Kansas Health Policy Authority Health Information Advisory Panel

In its enabling legislation, the Kansas Health Policy Authority is given responsibility for the development and maintenance of a coordinated health policy agenda that combines effective purchasing and administration of health care with health promotion oriented public health strategies. The Authority is specifically instructed to improve the health of the people of Kansas by increasing the quality, efficiency and effectiveness of health services and public health programs. An important mechanism to achieve these charges is the tactical use of coordinated Health Information Technology (HIT) and Health Information Exchange (HIE).

Establishment: The development of a coordinated HIT and HIE statewide initiative will require both expert advice and availability of resources to facilitate the adoption of technology across our State. The integration of HIT and HIE into the provision of health care services and public health practice requires an understanding of the barriers to implementation, the standards of interoperability and best practices, the legal and regulatory issues, consumer privacy concerns, as well as a variety of other relevant topics.

Charge: The Health Information Advisory Panel will act in an advisory capacity to the Governor and the Kansas Health Policy Authority (KHPA) to:

- 1). Recommend ways to leverage the state's considerable purchasing power to promote the use of health information technology, to include consideration of a statewide community health record.
- 2). Provide guidance on the functions of the Resource Center, as outlined by the Governor's Health Information Exchange Commission, to include a state-wide education plan to coordinate efforts across governmental and private entities; and to inform key stakeholders, policymakers, consumers, providers, employers, and payers about the importance of HIT and HIE in improving the delivery of health care as well as the overall health of the population. The Resource Center may conduct at least one annual statewide event or annual regional events to educate all operationally responsible stakeholders on HIT and HIE developments at the regional, state and national levels.
- 3). Provide recommendations on policy issues related to HIT and HIE requested by the Governor and the KHPA including but not limited to:
 - o Analysis and review of state and federal laws pertaining to the exchange of health information in Kansas.
 - o Identification of health care informatics standards and best practices to improve the exchange of health information.

- o Development of model policies, procedures, and guidelines for the exchange of health information.
- o Development of policies and models that allow for consumer access to personal health information (PHI) in order to promote personal responsibility and self-management of care.
- o Strategies to successfully implement health information exchange.

Membership: The Health Information Advisory Panel is designed to bring together representatives with knowledge and expertise in health information technology and health information exchange from the public and private sector. Panel membership is determined jointly by the Governor and the Health Policy Authority Board and will include individuals and representatives chosen from the following organizational categories:

Consumers	Medical Practice Managers
Physicians	Long Term Care
Nurses	Legal Services
Hospitals	Mental Health
Health Plans/Systems	Dental
Safety Net Clinics	Employers
Public Health	Academia
Laboratories/Medical Services	Quality Improvement Organizations
Pharmacy	

The Governor and the Health Policy Authority Board will each appoint seven members to the Panel. The terms of the initial members will be staggered - 5 members will be appointed for one year; 5 members will be appointed for two years; and 4 members will be appointed for three years. After the initial term, members will serve terms of three years. The Governor or her designee and Executive Director of the Kansas Health Policy Authority or her designee will serve as ex-officio members of the Health Information Advisory Panel. The Kansas Health Policy Authority Board will appoint the first chair of the panel who will serve a term of one year. Thereafter, the Panel will annually elect a chair and vice-chair from their membership.

Governance: The Health Authority establishes the Health Information Advisory Panel as an advisory committee to the Governor and to the Authority according to section 3(c) of Senate Bill 272. The Board authorizes the Health Information Advisory Panel and as many as three working sub-groups of the Panel to meet as many as six times each year. The scope of responsibility granted to the Health Information Advisory Panel by the Health Authority is defined in this charter statement, but may be revised by the Authority at its discretion upon consultation with the Governor.